

MINUTES OF THE 25th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Hillabee Baptist Association,

OF THE

Primitive Baptist Faith and Order,

Held with the Church at Mount Zion, Clay County, Alabama,
October 11th, 12th and 13th,

1895.

OFFICERS:

ELDER H. G. HARRIS, Moderator, Lineville, Ala.
J. T. CRENshaw, Clerk, Hackneyville, Ala.

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DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with **prayer**, and when the Moderator shall invite ministering brethren of our faith and order to act with us.
2. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Association they shall petition by letter and delegates, and on examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Moderator giving them the right hand of fellowship.
3. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
4. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject.
5. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.
6. No member of the Association shall have the privilege of laughing during the sitting of the body, nor of whispering in time of a speech, nor of casting reflections on the speaker.
7. No member shall break off or absent himself from the Association without leave.
8. The several names of members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.
9. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as another member, provided the chair be filled, but shall have no vote except in case of a tie.
10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a file of the minutes of each session of the Association.
11. Amendments to this Decorum may be made at any time when two-thirds of the members in session shall deem it expedient.

MINUTES.

THE introductory sermon was preached by Elder Green B. Knight, from 2d chapter and 44th verse of the Book of Daniel: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, and the kingdom shall not be left to other people but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms and it shall stand forever."

After one hour's intermission the delegates assembled in the house and organized into a body. Prayer by Elder A. S. Sellars of the Beulah.

Called for and read the letters from the different churches composing the body and noted their contents See statistical table.

Elected Elder H. G. Harris Moderator and J. T. Crenshaw Clerk

Invited visiting brethren in the ministry and corresponding brethren to seats.

Called for petitionary churches.

Appointed the following committees:

1. To Arrange Preaching—J. M. Blankinship, Marion Shadix, with the delegates of this, Mt. Zion church.
2. To Examine Corresponding Minutes—Elder J. A. Nix, R. L. Duke, L. G. Blair.
3. To Write Corresponding Letter—Elder F. B. Eubank.
4. To Arrange Business to Come Before the Body—Elder S. W. Pruitt, A. J. Blair, F. M. Nelson.

Called for correspondence and received

FROM THE WETUMPKA—W. H. Holley, J. W. Johnson, J. D. Jower, Elder R. B. Smith, J. R. Monk; as visitors, J. H. Johnson, H. C. Neighbors

FROM THE BEULAH—A. J. Wright, T. J. Parrish, W. J. Parrish, J. M. Nix; as visitors, A. S. Sellars, J. E. Price, M. S. Merrit.

FROM THE OLIVE—J. G. Ware; as visitors, J. Kendrick, W. P. Rainey, G. F. Webster

FROM THE MT. ZION—Elders J. T. Stewart and W. T. Moon, Bro. T. D. Dandy.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.
Prayer by J. T. Stewart of the Mt. Zion Association.

SATURDAY, October 12th, 1895.

The body met according to adjournment. Prayer by W. J. Parrish of the Beulah.

Called for report of committee to arrange business to come before the body. The committee recommend the regular form of business on this minute to whom we return correspondence. Then the regular order be suspended for the purpose of attending to unfinished business.

The roll called and decorum read.

Invited brethren in the ministry to seats.

Renewed call for correspondence. Names found in first call.

Called for report of committee to examine corresponding minutes. Reported, find nothing in them claiming the attention of the body.

Appointed union meetings as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT—To meet with the church at Shiloh the fourth Sunday in August, 1896.

SECOND DISTRICT—To meet with the church at Bethlehem the fifth Sunday in August, 1896.

THIRD DISTRICT—To meet with the church at Smyrna the third Sunday in July, 1896.

FOURTH DISTRICT—To meet with the church at Antioch the fourth Sunday in July, 1896.

All commencing on Friday before.

Regular order of business being suspended, the Cane Creek Association accusation against the Hillabee Association, charging them of holding in fellowship Elder N. M Cook, who being ordained in Will Creek Association, which Association was said to be in disorder, was taken up, and after hearing and duly considering the charge as well as that of the defense together with Elder N. M. Cook's statements and proofs, the body unanimously sustained Elder N. M Cook's ordination; then the body took up the charge of the Cane Creek Association against the Hillabee Association, charging her of holding Corinth church as a member of her body, which she said was illegally constituted. The body duly considered the charge as stated and evidence in defense of said charge, and unanimously sustained Corinth church as to her constitution.

RESOLUTION—We, the Hillabee Baptist Association of the Primitive faith and order, withdraw correspondence from the Cane Creek Association for their unfaithfulness toward us and one of our ministers.

Returned correspondence as follows:

To THE WETUMPKA, to convene with the church at Swamp Creek, nine miles southwest of Rockford, Coosa County, Ala., on

Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1896: A. E. Jacks, F. M. Nelson, C. D. Webb, J. L. Lecroy, J. G. Walldrop, W. P. Harris, B. R. White, Jr., W. A. Justice, R. M. Lecroy, J. B. Carlisle, J. B. Flournoy.

To THE BRULAH, to convene with the church at Mt. Olive, Chambers County, Ala., one mile and half east of Bishop's ferry on Tallapoosa river, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1896: J. A. Nix, H. G. Harris, S. W. Pruitt, M. Shaddix, B. D. Nelson, J. I. Stewart, J. D. Young, B. F. Duncan, W. A. J. Ingram, F. B. Eubank, G. M. Goss.

To THE OLIVE, to convene with the church at Mt. Gilead, four miles west of Motts' Mills on C. & W. R. R., Russell county, Ala., commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1896: J. A. Nix.

To THE MT. ZION, to convene with the church at Shiloh, fifteen miles west of Albertville, in Marshall county, Ala., commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1896: F. B. Eubank, L. G. Blair, J. A. Nix, S. W. Pruitt, J. B. Carlisle, J. L. Lecroy, R. M. Lecroy, M. W. Peters, C. E. Scarbrough.

Called for corresponding letter, which was read and received.

Called for minute funds and received twenty-five dollars and five cents. The body agreed to have 800 copies of these minutes printed for distribution among the churches and correspondence among associations, the Clerk to have the printing done, and distribute them, and, after paying all expenses for the printing and distribution, retain the remaining funds for his services if any.

Appointed the next session of this Association to meet with the church at Bethany, in Clay county, nine miles west of Daviston, four miles east of Goldville, commencing on Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1896. The body extends her thanks to the brethren and friends for their kindness and hospitality shown them during their stay among them, and this Association finally adjourned at the stand at one o'clock p. m. Sunday, prayer by Elder G. B. Knight. **Elder H. G. HARRIS, MODERATOR,**
J. T. CRENSHAW, CLERK.

The stand was filled in the following order: Friday morning, G. B. Knight, of the Hillabee; in the evening, W. T. Moon, of Mt. Zion, followed by J. R. Monk, of the Wetumpka. Saturday morning, T. J. Parrish, of the Beulah, followed by A. S. Sellers, of the Beulah; in the evening, W. J. Parrish, of the Beulah, followed by N. M. Cook, of the Hillabee. Sunday morning, J. T. Stewart, of the Mt. Zion, followed by R. B. Smith, of the Wetumpka. Closing remarks by Moderator.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Hillabee Baptist Association of the Primitive Baptist faith and order in session with the church at Mount Zion, Clay county, Alabama, October 11, 12, 13, 1896, to her sister Associations with whom she corresponds, sends Christian salutations.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Through the mercies of our God we have been permitted to hold another the 25th annual session of our body. Peace and love have been manifested through all the business, and we do feel thankful to our God for the presence of so many of the corresponding brethren and ministers, whom we joyfully receive. Dear Brethren we appreciate your correspondence and hope it will be more extensive in the future. The business of our body has been transacted in love and peace, and all the churches represented by letter and delegates but one. The next session of our body will be held with the church at Bethany, Clay county, Alabama, nine miles west of Daviston, four miles east of Goldville and four miles south of Mellow Valley, commencing on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1896, when and where we hope to meet a goodly number of correspondents.

H. G. HARRIS, Moderator.

J. T. CAENSHAW, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall meet annually if the churches think proper, as an advisory council, and be composed of members of the different churches, and each church may have three messengers and no more. The messengers' names shall be inserted in the letters from the churches they represent.

ART. II. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the Hillabee Baptist Association of the Primitive Faith and Order.

ART. III. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present and shall be of the body and hold their offices till the next election.

ART. IV. The different churches will express in their letters the number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored and dead since the last session.

ART. V. No act of this Association shall be binding on the churches, but it shall be its duty to give the best advice in matters of difficulty and endeavor to preserve the union of the churches.

ART. VI. This Association shall receive any church that may petition by letter and delegates, if found orthodox in faith and moral in practice. Also, if any church that is in order wishes to withdraw, she may at discretion, or on application obtain a letter of dismissal.

ART. VII. This Association will not fellowship any churches or hold them in union which are engaged in supporting any missionary, bible, tract or Sunday-school union or society, advocate state conventions or theological schools, or any other society that has been or may hereafter be formed under a pretense of circulating the Gospel of Christ; nor will she correspond with any Association that is engaged in supporting any of the above-named institutions, neither will she hold any church or churches in fellowship nor correspond with any Association that advocate or join in what is called the Masonic fraternity, they being without a "thus saith the Lord" for them as to the church.

ART. VIII. If any church in this union shall become offended with a sister church in point of faith or practice, it shall be the duty of said church to have an interview with the church thus offending, and if satisfaction cannot be obtained she shall call in the aid of one or two other churches, who shall investigate the matter and decide according to their best judgment, and report to the next Association, which will be final, and entered on the record as such; and if such church shall be found guilty as charged, the Association will withdraw from said church.

ART. IX. This Association may correspond with any other Association of the same faith and order, and such only, and may withdraw her correspondence at discretion.

ART. X. Amendments may be made by two-thirds of the members in session.

ART. XI. This Association shall have power to adjourn to any time and place she may think most convenient to the churches in union.

MINISTERS OF HILLABEE ASSOCIATION.

ORDAINED.

| NAME. | POSTOFFICE, | COUNTY. |
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| G. B. KNIGHT | OAKLONE | CLAY. |
| N. M. COOK | LESLIE | CLAY. |
| H. G. HARRIS | LINEVILLE | CLAY. |
| J. L. LECROY | MOUNTAIN MEADOW | CLAY. |
| M. B. GARRETT | HATCHETT CREEK | CLAY. |
| J. A. BLACKMAN | HOLLINS | CLAY. |
| J. A. SUTTLE | ROCKFORD | COOSA. |
| J. A. NIX | ALEXANDER CITY | TALLAPOOSA |
| F. B. EUBANKS | VATES | TALLAPOOSA |
| S. W. PRUITT | LINEVILLE | CLAY. |

LICENTIATES.

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| J. K. CANDLER | GOODWATER | COOSA. |
| J. C. GOZA | GOODWATER | COOSA. |
| G. N. GOSS | WHEELERVILLE | CLAY. |
| IRVIN JONES | COW PENS | TALLAPOOSA |
| J. E. WHOTEN | FAYETTEVILLE | TALLADEGA |
| B. R. WHITE | SALTER | COOSA. |

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Poplar Springs not represented.

